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FROM: USARMA DAMASCUS SYRIA

TO: DEPTAR WASH DC FOR ACSI

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During recent visits by newspapermen to Damascus
this office benefitted greatly by cooperation of Hanson Baldwin
of the New York Times. It was thru his efforts that the
visits of ARMA to Qabun and Palmyra were possible. He has
also offered for whatever use we desire to furnish copies of
all photos he took while here. In opinion of ARMA a special
debriefing of Mr Baldwin at IAC level would appear beneficial on
his return to US .

Columbia Broadcasting System television cameramen did
a story on the tng of the Futawaa-popular resistance orgn with
consent of Syrian auth. Film should have arr in New York now and
be ready for issue. Mr Pierpoint their representative said
ACSI could obtain the film for temp use or a copy thereof by
contacting CBS.

Most other correspondents appear uninterested in
the quid pro quo and having offered nothing have been handled
almost in entirety by Embassy press officer. One correspondent
Kenneth Lover of New York Times did not protect his Embassy
source and has been blackballed by Ambassador. He had not had
any contact with service attaches.

ACTION: ACSI

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	DATE
	26 December

TO:

Mr. Stanley Grogan

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REMARKS:

Mr. Amory suggested that no action be taken with respect to the IAC on this matter, but asked that a copy of the message be sent to you.

FROM: JHHeires, IAC Secretariat

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